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SUBJECT: COREMO'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE US

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1. COREMO'S ARTUR VILANKULU, KNOWN IN MOZAMBIQUE AS ARTUR VILANCULOS, CONTACTED US IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL IN MOZAMBIQUE JULY 2. HE REPORTED FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

(A) DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO NAIROBI, HE PERSUADED LEADERS OF FUMO AND MANO, LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OPERATING OUT OF NAIROBI, TO DISSOLVE THEIR SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS AND BECOME INTEGRAL MEMBERS OF COREMO. AS A RESULT COREMO NOW HAS SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN LEADERS WITH STRONG LOCAL SUPPORT SCATTERED THROUGHOUT MOZAMBIQUE -- THUS SUBSTANTIAL ADVANTAGE OVER FRELIMO WHOSE LEADERSHIP IS VIRTUALLY ALL DRAWN FROM GAZA AREA. VILANKULU EXPECTS THESE

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COREMO LEADERS TO ENTER MOZAMBIQUE SOON TO INFORM POPULA-

TION OF COREMO'S GOALS AND TO OBTAIN ITS SUPPORT.

(B) IN BLANTYRE MEETING WITH FRECOMO DELEGATION LED BY JOANA SIMIAO (SEE REFTEL), COREMO LEADERSHIP AGREED TO JOIN FRECOMO AND PARTICIPATE IN CONGRESS BEING HELD IN NAMPULA ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 27-28. IF ALL GOES WELL, COREMO DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY URIA SIMANGO, COREMO'S SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

(C) VILANKULU WILL REMAIN IN MOZAMBIQUE UNTIL JULY 19, MAINLY AROUND HIS HOME AREA OF INHAMBANE, TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT VIEWS AND MOOD OF MOZAMBICAN POPULATION.

(D) ON JULY 19, VILANKULU WILL GO TO SWAZILAND TO MEET WITH COREMO'S PRESIDENT GUMANE AND HELP PREPARE COREMO'S POLITICAL STRATEGY IN MOZAMBIQUE.

2. COMMENT: MOST NEWSPAPERS GAVE STRAIGHTFORWARD COVERAGE TO VILANKULU'S ARRIVAL AND PRESS CONFERENCE IN BEIRA. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT THUS FAR WAS CARRIED BY NOTICIAS OF JULY 4 WHICH URGED INQUIRY AS TO WHY VILANKULU WAS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER MOZAMBIQUE. EDITORIAL IMPLIED VILANKULU SHOULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN MOZAMBIQUE BECAUSE COREMO, AS FAR AS ANYONE KNOWS, HAS NOT RENOUNCED USE OF FORCE TO PROMOTE ITS OBJECTIVES IN MOZAMBIQUE.
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